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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PAUL MONTWILLO, an individual;	Case No. C 07 3947 SI SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF STEPHEN A. SOMMERS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT OF PLAINTIFF PAUL MONTWILLO		
Plaintiff, vs.			
WILLIAM TULL, an individual; DANIEL GIBBY, and individual; GIBBY NOVELTIES, LLC dba ARSENIC & APPLE PIE, a California limited liability company; and DOES 1-100, inclusive,) Date: April 25, 2008 Time: 9:00 a.m. Court: Room 10, 19th Floor Judge: Honorable Susan Illston)		
Defendants.			
WILLIAM TULL, an individual;) Complaint Filed: August 1, 2007		
Counter-Claimant,	Counterclaim Filed: January 11, 2008		
vs.) Trial Date: June 30, 2008		
PAUL MONTWILLO, an individual, and DOES 21 through 30, inclusive,	())		
Counter-Defendants))		

1. Stephen A. Sommers, declare:

1. I am an attorney licensed by the State of California, admitted to practice before this Court since 2003, and am counsel for Plaintiff Paul Montwillo. I am authorized by my client

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to make this Supplemental Declaration in support of his Motion for Summary Judgment, filed herewith.

- 2. On March 20, 2008, I conducted the deposition of Defendant, William Tull, in this action. Mr. Tull was represented by his attorneys David Y. Wong and Marc H. Greenberg.
- 3. The Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment contains citations to deposition testimony of William Tull. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein are true and correct copies of the deposition transcript pages, in full wherein each of the cited testimony excerpts may be found. I declare that the deposition testimony as recited in the transcript attached accurately reflects the actual deposition. The pages attached are arranged in numerical order as follows: 25-35, 56, 104-105.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am able to testify competently thereto.

Executed in San Francisco, California on April 4, 2008.

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And at some time after that, did you and -- did

 Mr. Montwillo ask to sell, ask you to sell more dolls

 in your store?
- 5 A. Mr. Montwillo didn't, no. The buyer of my store mentioned it.
- 7 Q. And who is that?
- 8 A. It's Woody Evans.
- 9 Q. Woody Evans? And is he your employee?
- 10 A. Yes, he is.
- 11 Q. And what did Mr. Evans tell you about the dolls?
- 12 A. That Paul had dressed up some Barbies and that people seemed to like them. And if it was possible, we could enter into an agreement that, you know, he
- would get the wholesale price, and we would double
- his wholesale price and we would pay him for the
- dolls that we sold.
- 18 Q. And did you ever have a conversation directly with
 19 Mr. Montwillo about what the dolls would look like
- that would be sold in your store?
- 21 A. Never. You mean Barbie dolls?
- 22 Q. Yes.
- 23 A. No, no, absolutely not. I had nothing to do with it.
- Q. When Mr. Montwillo initially put the Barbie dolls in your store, did he sell a Barbie doll that was called

Trailer Trash Barbie doll?

- 2 A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you recall any of the models that were originally sold?
- 5 A. Oh, yeah, yeah.
- 6 Q. What were some of the other dolls that were sold that you recall?
- 8 A. Well, I mean, he did various things to various dolls.
- 9 Q. Specifically --
- 10 A. They were all different. Every doll was different.
- Dressed differently, but I can tell you honestly I
- 12 never really paid attention to them.
- 13 Q. Do you recall any drag queen dolls?
- 14 A. No, I don't recall any.
- 15 Q. Do you recall any specific dolls that were sold?
- 16 A. Not specifically. I mostly recall the packaging.
- 17 Q. And the packaging, that was the pink packaging?
- 18 A. The pink packaging, yeah.
- 19 Q. At a certain point after Mr. Montwillo started
- selling the dolls in your store, did you come in
- 21 contact with the attorneys for Mattel, Incorporated?
- 22 A. Well, first Mr. Montwillo wasn't selling the dolls in
- 23 the store; I was selling them. They were dolls that
- he had in my store that I sold under my auspices.
- 25 Q. Did you purchase the dolls at wholesale price?

- 1 A. No, they were on --
- 2 Q. Consignment?
- 3 A. -- consignment. Yeah, they were on consignment.
- 4 Q. So at a certain point, were you contacted by lawyers
- 5 from Mattel?
- 6 | A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Were you sued by Mattel?
- 8 A. Yes, I was.
- 9 Q. And what did Mattel sue you for?
- 10 A. They sued me -- well, I don't really remember
- 11 accurately, so I probably shouldn't venture on --
- 12 Q. What's your best estimate for that?
- 13 A. My best estimate would be a guesstimate. Truly, I'm
- not a lawyer; I'm not going to venture.
- 15 Q. Did they sue you over the dolls?
- 16 A. Yes, they did.
- 17 Q. And the selling of the dolls?
- 18 A. And the selling of the dolls.
- 19 Q. And do you recall around the same period a time when
- 20 Mr. Montwillo had an art show with the dolls?
- 21 A. Yes, yes.
- 22 Q. Do you recall that art show to be at 111 Minna?
- 23 A. Yes, I do.
- 24 Q. Did you attend that art show?
- 25 A. I certainly did.

1 **Q**. And did you view the dolls at the art show? 2 Α. Yes. 3 Do you recall any dolls at the art show that looked Ο. 4 like Trailer Trash -- that were Trailer Trash Barbie dolls? 5 Α. 6 No, actually the doll I recall was -- what I will 7 give Paul credit for -- was the one where he had the 8 two ice skaters. I can't remember. Tonya Harding, 9 and one of the dolls was carrying a bat. very funny. That's the doll I remember. 10 11 And you don't recall any of the other dolls that Q. 12 were --13 No, I really don't. Α. 14 Q. -- presented? So if I were to tell you that 15 Mr. Montwillo sold dolls at your store that were 16 called Trailer Trash Barbie dolls, you wouldn't have 17 a recollection of anything other than that? 18 wouldn't have a reason to say that that was 19 incorrect? 20 MR. WONG: I'm going to object to your 21 question as vague and ambiguous as to time and 22 place. 23 MR. SOMMERS: I'll rephrase. 24 Q. In the beginning when you were selling the Barbie

dolls out of your store, if I were to say that

1		Mr. Montwillo was selling a Trailer Trash Barbie
2		doll, as you sit here today, you couldn't tell me
3		that was inaccurate, correct?
4	A.	Nor could I say it was necessarily accurate.
5	Q.	And if I were to sit here today and tell you that one
6		of the dolls that was sold from your store as a
7		Barbie doll was a Trailer Trash Barbie doll with dark
8		roots and a cigarette hanging out of her mouth and a
9		missing front tooth, you couldn't tell me that would
10		be inaccurate; is that correct?
11	A.	Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. That
12		is isn't that a convoluted question?
13		MR. WONG: Let's have it read back.
14		THE WITNESS: Yeah, yeah. I
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16		(Record read as requested.)
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18		THE WITNESS: Since I don't recall
19		MR. WONG: I'm going to state an objection.
20		The question is compound, makes no sense whatsoever
21		and was grammatically incorrect.
22		If you can answer it and formulate a response, go
23		ahead.
24		THE WITNESS: Read it back again.
25		MR. SOMMERS: I'll rephrase it.

Will you not interrupt me,

MR. SOMMERS:

1		please?
2		MR. WONG: Well, I'm trying to help you.
3		MR. SOMMERS: I don't need your help,
4		Mr. Wong.
5		MR. WONG: Obviously you do. But if you're
6		not going the accept it, that's fine. We're just
7		going to be here for a long time asking the same
8		question.
9		MR. SOMMERS: Unfortunately, I have a very
10		short list, and we'll be here as long as it takes for
11		us to get through it.
12	Q.	Mr. Tull, you said earlier that you don't have a
13		memory of the specific models that were sold in your
14		store in the pink boxes, correct?
15	A.	No, I don't have a specific memory of them, no.
16	Ω.	So that means you if there were a doll that was
17		sold in a pink box that looked like the dolls that
18		were sold later in Arsenic & Apple Pie, you wouldn't
19		have a memory whether that doll existed in the pink
20		box?
21		MR. WONG: Objection. I don't understand
22		the question at all. It makes no sense. Don't
23		answer it.
24		THE WITNESS: I'll follow the advice of my
25		attorney. I don't understand the question.

1		MR. SOMMERS: Okay. Let's try this one more
2		time.
3	Q.	If Mr. Montwillo asserted that the dolls that he sold
4		in your store before the formation of Arsenic & Apple
5		Pie were substantially similar to the dolls that were
6		sold after the formation of Arsenic & Apple Pie, you
7		don't have a memory that would contradict that,
8		correct?
9		MR. WONG: Objection. First of all, you
10		haven't established any sort of groundwork as to what
11		the dolls look like either before or after or what
12		the terms substantially similar" is implying. I'm
13		going to object. It's vague and ambiguous, clearly
14		overbroad and impossible to answer. If you can
15		formulate a response, you can.
16		THE WITNESS: I'm trying to, but I can't.
17		So I'm sorry.
18		MR. SOMMERS:
19	Q.	Could you describe for me the Trailer Trash doll that
20		was sold by Arsenic & Apple Pie?
21	A.	No.
22	Q.	You can't describe the details of that doll?
23	Α.	No.
24	Ω.	Can you answer whether you have a memory of any doll
25		that looked like the doll that was sold under Arsenic

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                    MR. WONG: Well, first of all --
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                    MR. SOMMERS:
           -- from your store?
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                    MR. WONG: Your question assumes facts not
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           in evidence.
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                    MR. SOMMERS: It's not a proper objection in
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           a deposition.
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                    MR. WONG: Fine. If you want to end it,
           that's fine. I'm trying to tell you, your question
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           makes no sense whatsoever. It's improper, compound,
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           contains facts not in evidence and assumes facts not
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           in evidence and asks the witness to speculate as to
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           what you're trying to ask.
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               If you want to rephrase it and ask him a proper
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           question that can be answered in a non-convoluted
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           fashion, you're free to do so. But that question,
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                He's not going to answer it.
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                    MR. SOMMERS:
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     Q.
           Do you have a specific memory -- withdraw that.
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1 As you sit here today, are you able to affirm the 2 following sentence: Before the formation of Arsenic & Apple Pie, you sold in your store a doll that was 3 called Trailer Trash Barbie doll? 4 5 MR. WONG: Do you recall that specific title 6 of a doll? 7 THE WITNESS: No, I don't recall. 8 MR. SOMMERS: Okay. 9 Are you able to disaffirm the statement, before the Q. 10 formation of Arsenic & Apple Pie, there was a doll that was sold called Trailer Trash Barbie doll? 11 12 A. He sold me many different dolls, and each one was 13 different, so I can't. And frankly, my store has 14 hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of articles and items in it. I can't honestly tell you, answer that 15 16 question. 17 Q. So the answer would be no to the question that you can't disaffirm the statement --18 19 A. I can't disaffirm? 20 0. Yes. 21 Α. That's going -- can I talk to my lawyer 'cause 22 honestly, since I -- this is complex. You're asking 23 me to affirm some, some, some --24 I'm asking you to negate --Q. 25 Something that I don't know --A.

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           Are you familiar with the five different dolls that
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           were sold by Arsenic & Apple Pie?
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           Yes.
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                    MR. WONG: Well, hold on a -- which five
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           dolls? Arsenic & Apple Pie --
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           Are you familiar with a doll sold by Arsenic & Apple
           Pie called Trailer Trash Doll?
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           Are you familiar with a doll sold by Arsenic & Apple
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           Pie called Blonde Drag Queen Doll?
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     Q.
           Are you familiar with a doll sold by Arsenic & Apple
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           Pie called Red Head Drag Queen Doll?
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     Α.
           Yes.
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           Are you familiar with a doll that was sold by Arsenic
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           & Apple Pie called --
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                    MR. WONG: Go ahead.
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1 would think most of that fell to me because there was 2 no participation from him. 3 Q. At any time during the existence of Arsenic & Apple 4 Pie, did Paul Montwillo receive a paycheck? 5 A. No. 6 Q. At any time was Paul an employee of Arsenic & Apple 7 Pie? 8 That is a complex question. I don't know how to Α. 9 answer that. 10 Q. Was there ever any workers' compensation procured 11 because of Mr. Montwillow's contributions to Arsenic 12 & Apple Pie, to make sure he was covered under 13 workers' compensation? 14 A. Why do he get covered? For what? 15 Q. I'm asking you a yes-or-no question, Mr. Tull. 16 A. There was no workers' comp. 17 At any time was there employment taxes paid on behalf Ο. 18 of Mr. Montwillo? 19 Α. He was not an employee. 20 Q. Returning to the Exhibit 1, this one here. 21 first page of the pregnant doll, did you physically 22 put a black leather jacket on a doll that was 23 pregnant at any time? 24 Α. Did I physically put a black leather jacket on a 25 doll?

1		3.8 reads: "If a member loans money to the company,
2		said loan shall bear interest at" and I believe
3		that's supposed to say "variable rates depending on
4		the origin of funds, percentage per annum as of the
5		date the funds were advanced to or on behalf of the
6		company until paid."
7		Is that your handwriting where it has in there
8		"variable rates depending upon the origin of the
9		funds"?
10	Α.	I believe it is my handwriting, yes.
11	Q.	And is it also your handwriting in section 3.10 where
12		it says, "variable rates depending upon the origin of
13		the funds"?
14	A.	Yes.
15	Q.	And was it under these general sections that you
16		ended up loaning so much money to the company?
17	A.	Yes.
18	Q.	Okay, all right. If you could please turn to page 8.
19		Do you have a page 8, David?
20		MR. WONG: No, no.
21		MR. SOMMERS: You're good?
22		MR. WONG: Yeah.
23		MR. SOMMERS: Okay.
24	Q.	At the bottom, 2.7, it says, "The managing members
25		shall be as follows: Paul Montwillo."

1 Then after that, it says, "Manager in charge of 2 art direction, design and advertising of product 3 line, including but not limited to corporate identification, product design, packaging, website 4 5 design, website maintenance and print advertising." 6 And then it says, "William Tull, manager in 7 charge of administration, business affairs, 8 accounting, distribution, sales and manufacturing." 9 Is it fair to say that your understanding of this 10 section was a differentiation of the scope of 11 responsibility between you and Mr. Montwillo? 12 When it was initially done, yes. Α. 13 Q. That he would do some things, and you would do some 14 other things? 15 Α. Yes. 16 Is there anywhere in this agreement that you were Q. 17 aware of -- and I can say I've read it several 18 times -- that you could point to me where there is a 19 conveyance of a copyright? 20 Α. Again, you're trying to confuse me. And let me tell 21 You first got me going back saying that I you why. 22 dissolved the company when I did not. Paul's 23 bankruptcy dissolved the company. So I'm really --24

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time?

could you possibly ask me that question one more